

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a former, and hopefully future, satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide numerous benefits to consumers like me, including more choices in channels, programming, broadband and new television technologies.

By merging, the combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable television and can offer more programming choices and, most importantly, all local TV channels in every market in the U.S. I would hope that by having these two companies merge, there would be the opportunity to offer satellite services to those who face north instead of south, so that all consumers have the opportunity for satellite service, and not just those who face one direction.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to lend your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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